

Auditor reports college reserves low

By MAUREEN MARTIN
Staff Writer

Niagara College overspent its budget by about \$969,000 last year, leaving its reserve funds at a "dangerously low" level.

The auditor's statement for the year ending March 31 was presented at the Sept. 25 Board of Governors' meeting. Hugh Cook, chairman of the board's audit review committee, said the

college has a "dangerously low" operating fund balance (reserves) of \$468,570. The balance in 1985 was \$1,438,397.

Last year's revenue was about \$33.1 million. The college spent about \$34 million.

An operating fund is needed to cover expected and unusual expenses a college may encounter. The larger the balance, the greater is the cushion against expenses.

UNEXPECTED REDUCTIONS

Unexpected revenue reductions helped weaken the reserves. Decreased enrolment and cancellation of the marine program in Port Colborne meant less revenue for the college.

Enrolment as of Sept. 9 was 3,371. The same time last year enrolment was 3,504.

Declining enrolment in area secondary schools is reflected in

the enrolment in the college, Jacqueline Roberts, Niagara College president, said.

The college must attract new students. Miss Roberts said she hopes involvement in the Ontario Training Strategy will help to accomplish this. But, the private sector can offer training at a lower cost. Instructors' salaries may have "priced" the college out of the market, Miss Roberts said.

\$800,000 reduction in funding

By GARY BELLINGER
Staff Writer

Government funding to the college has been reduced by 20 per cent resulting in an \$800,000 cutback for training courses and 155 fewer students since implementation of the Canada Job Strategy (CJS) program, Jacqueline Roberts Niagara College president said. Miss Roberts and members of the Board of Governors met with area members of the federal and provincial governments on Sept. 5 to discuss the CJS program, which encourages the private sector to pick up training programs previously administered by the government.

As part of the federal government strategy to reduce the national deficit, funding will be further reduced in coming years by 15 per cent next year and 40 per cent overall in three years.

"The program runs into trouble as businesses show a reluctance to invest the time and money because their number one priority is to make a profit and they lack the time to train on the job," Miss Roberts said. "Students in training programs at the college receive a certificate, while after six months in CJS there is nothing to show for the training experience."

FUTURE WORRY

Miss Roberts expressed worry that if funds keep getting cut, the college may lose even more students in training programs, such as welding and machining, teachers will be lost, and equipment will become redundant.

"In a couple of years, the program will be lost and if the government wants to move training back to the colleges, the program will have to start from scratch after having lost valuable knowledge and skills."

Eight of the 11 area MPs and MPPs and eight members of the board attended the meeting hoping to clear up any misinformation and give the area representatives a chance to realize they are a part of the college. It is hoped that they might be able to bring more money into the college.

The college representatives also talked to the federal MPs about the need for a new hospitality training centre. The college believes the centre is needed because hospitality will be the number one business in the year 2000.

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Full-time enrolment down by 3.8 per cent

Full-time enrolment at Niagara College is down 3.8 per cent while the Continuing Education Service had a 27 per cent increase in part and night-time enrolment.

Full-time enrolment went down to 3,371, from 3,504 according to a Sept. 9 report.

This year's drop came as no surprise, John Parrett, registrar, said. The registrar's office made a spring projection of a two to four per cent drop in registration this year.

According to a Sept. 12 report, the Continuing Education had 5,340 registered. This is the first time registration has ever been more than 5,000 before classes began, Desmond McCurry, associate registrar, said.

The most popular programs in the school of Applied Arts and

Health Science are nursing, with a registration of 120, and law and security with a registration of 114. Even these have suffered a decrease in applications, though there was no trouble filling them, Mr. Parrett said.

Continuing education services offer courses from accounting to carpentry to health chemistry and the arts. Of the nearly 300 courses offered, 105 have already been filled, Mr. McCurry said.

Many students in Continuing Education this year are students who have not taken any courses at the college. More than 1,100 new student cards were issued.

Some of the decrease in full-time enrolment can be attributed to Canada Manpower's decline in activities. For a few years it bought sections but this year it did not buy the positions for Welding Engineering or Computer technician.

During the months of July and August the college placed advertisements in local papers and displays at the Niagara Regional Exhibition and the Pen Centre to boost applications.

The first days after the ads, calls to the college regarding continuing education and full-time enrolment increased significantly, Mr. Parrett said.



All prepared for a day of fishing, Old Teddy has his fishing line, a can for bait and a basket to hold his fish. He is between 40 and 50 years old and is the protagonist of a unique children's book written by French teacher Marcella Pittana.

Photo by Donna Morrison

SAC Pres wants week-long start

Orientation Week will become policy at Niagara College, Kathleen Harvey, SAC president, said.

Next year's Student Administrative Council will be able to choose whether to reinforce the policy and organize a similar week. It really helps familiarize new students with the college, Kathleen said.

It was the first year that a SAC-sponsored program was scheduled over a week instead of the usual one day. The consensus on the week of Sept. 2 to 5 was that it was a great idea, but only a quarter of the student population attended.

One of the week's successes was a tent outside the Black Walnut Building where students and faculty were entertained by various performers at lunch hours. Hot dogs, pizza and pop were sold at discount prices.

"I think it was terrific; by the end of the week the tent was full," Kathleen said.

Student records system

Niagara sells to Algonquin

Niagara College has sold its Student Records System program to the second largest community college in Ontario, Algonquin College in Ottawa, John Parrett, registrar, said.

After a two-year search all over North America, Algonquin College decided that the program that Niagara developed and has used since 1982 was what it needed.

"It is the best data base system in Ontario for a community college," Mr. Parrett said.

The system's major asset is its menu-driven software. This enables staff in the registrar's of-

fice to use it with very little training.

Developed by the Computer Centre and the personnel at the registrar's office, the system has developed and expanded into a series of menu-driven commands that enable the user greater flexibility in its service.

TEAM EFFORT

It has been a team effort developing this program, Louise Bardswich, Computer Centre Director, said. The centre used the ideas from the people working in the registrar's office and continuing education and incorporated them into the program.

Niagara College teacher writes book starring Vagabond Teddy,

By DONNA MORRISON
Staff Writer

Teddy bears.

The name conjures up images of a child sleeping soundly with his percious bear cuddled tightly. But teddy bears are not just for children; a Niagara College teacher has used her love of teddy bears to write and publish a story/coloring book, the first of its kind in Canada.

Marcella Pittana, a french teacher, has been collecting for 10 years. Her collection helped give her the idea of writing the book, she said. Mrs. Pittana said that according to the Children's Book Centre in Toronto, it's the first of its kind in Canada. The centre keeps a list of all books published in Canada.

Mrs. Pittana said the book promotes a feeling of togetherness where a child can color while a mother reads them the story.

"I have a vast collection of teddy bears, every teddy having a distinct personality," Mrs. Pittana said.

With this in mind, she has written all her books with teddy bears in them, but the main bear is a character named Vagabond Teddy. His character is "similar to Hitchcock" and because he is ageless, he appeals to everyone.

The story/coloring books do not involve a definite issue, but take different situations and apply safety lesons to them, Mrs. Pittana said. One book illustrates fishing and shows the bears wearing lifejackets in a boat.

Mrs. Pittana has four story/coloring books ready and the first will come out soon. They may have an added appeal because the books are all Canadian.



Marcella Pittana gives a smile as she poses with two bears from her teddy bear collection. She has been collecting the bears for about 10 years. Posed with her are: Old Teddy and 10-year-old Professor.

Photo by Donna Morrison

Mrs. Pittana is the writer and publisher of Gemma Enterprises, Smith-Davidson, in Ridgeway, is the printer and Ken Cosgrove, fine arts teacher at the college, is the illustrator.

Mrs. Pittana said she hopes to merchandise the books across Canada. Most likely, she said, the second book, will be the first in the French series since the market seems to demand French coloring books. This book may be published by the spring.

Bookstores in the Niagara region will be carrying her first story/coloring book. At the col-

lege, the bookstore will have copies as well as Coy Brothers in St. Catharines, Gifts-N-More at the Port Colborne Mall. The Picture Perfect Gallery in Fonthill and Granny's Cabin in the Seaway Mall.

She will be exhibiting her collection of teddy bears at the Port Colborne festival Nov. 29 and 30.

Mrs. Pittana said she is thrilled at the intrest in her teddy bears and hopes to put Vagabond Teddy, who is copyrighted, on t-shirts and caps in the future.

Students have new fashions at boutique

New teacher Carole Timms and second year fashion students are planning a new look for the fashion boutique this year.

The boutique will specialize in the latest co-ordinated clothing, blouses, skirts, sweaters and dressy blouses. As well, due to popular demand from the men at Niagara, the boutique will carry more men's wear. There will also be more racks and other interior changes in the boutique.

Mrs. Timms, a graduate of the program, and four second-year fashion students went on the first of several merchandise-updating trips to Toronto's Spadina-Avenue fashion district.

Eleanore Fast, Jennifer Burton, Tracy Waugh and Cathy Soumouski visited wholesalers

to look for tops in the \$30 price range. They bought blouses and sweaters in a variety of colors and prints.

The boutique will sell more tops this year because last year's records show more of these items were sold, Mrs. Timms said.

Mrs. Timms' goal is to increase the merchandise turnover in the boutique. She is in the process of computerizing the paperwork to speed it up.

There are lots of ideas still in the planning stages, Mrs. Timms said. However, changes will be gradual so every student gets a chance to contribute.

Last year's items are selling at low mark-down prices to make room for updated merchandise coming in.



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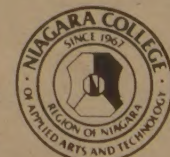
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\$100,000 rewiring project

St. Cath. Campus-access systems

The St. Catharines Campus — formerly Welland Vale — will soon be able to obtain information directly from the central computer systems at Niagara College for the first time.

The \$100,000 computer centre project will allow personalized computers access to one another and the central computer systems in the Lundy Building.

Doug Weeks, operations supervisor, said work at the St. Catharines campus is 90 per cent

complete. Bell Telephone has yet to install cables between campuses.

Louise Bardswich, director of computer services, said the St. Catharines Campus will receive information on class lists, student marks and financial records. Now, it relies on "hard copy" for records.

BY CHRISTMAS

Jack Sibbet, computer centre technician, is in the process of wiring, testing existing wiring and installing data communications equipment in all buildings except the Black Walnut Building. Mr. Weeks hopes the job will be done by Christmas.

Until installation, a shortage of lines limits use to digital terminals on which only certain numbers of people can reach the central computer systems at one time, he said.

These digital terminals are "dumb for they do not have a brain like the micro computers and cannot communicate with each other.

"Everyone will benefit, having access on a wider basis," Mr. Weeks said.

The VAX central computer systems consists of administrative, academic or computer-assisted draf-

ting/Computer-aided manufacturing. It has information for all campuses.

The future wiring system opens the potential for greater academic use, Mr. Weeks said. For example, numerical control equipment information can be sent to the Mackenzie Building from Cad/Cam or computer programming information can be sent from the academic system.



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Video revenue for scholarships

Video machines bought by Student Administrative Council (SAC) are generating revenue for six athletic scholarships.

The scholarships will be going to students who are proficient in both athletics and academics.

"Video games are gold mines," Andre Hebert, vice-president of athletics said. "They are rent free, cost free and they generate a lot of money."

The scholarships will be given by SAC after Christmas.

The video games are located in the cafeteria and in the Tecumseh Centre outside the SAC office.

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Students enjoying lunch in the non-smoking section of the main cafeteria of the Welland campus. The non-smoking section has been enlarged to include a whole row of tables this year. The smoking section is only a few feet away.

Smoking policy unchanged

By DOUG IVES
Staff Writer

The smoking policy at Niagara College has remained relatively unchanged from last year while other institutions are taking action.

Dr. G.J. Alexander, one of the doctors at the college, feels people are smoking at the same rate as last year and the situation is harmful for everyone at the college. He would like to have seen people voluntarily cut down on the amount they smoke in the enclosed areas of the campuses.

Dr. Alexander is planning to address the issue directly in the coming months.

MINOR CHANGES

The changes that have occurred are minor ones; the SAC office was declared a smoke free area and a larger section in the main cafeteria is now a non-smoking area. However the secretary in SAC office is allowed to smoke and the non-smoking section in the cafeteria is only a few feet from the smoking area which is not directly ventilated to the outside.

Mohawk and Sheridan Colleges have taken steps to limit smoking and improve the air quality. Sheridan no longer has

cigarette vending machines and will not accept sponsorships of college events from tobacco companies. Both colleges hope to limit smoking to areas directly ventilated to the outside.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons recently formed a policy calling for the end of tobacco farming in Canada by the year 2000. The college says non-smokers should have a smoke-free environment at work, in restaurants, hospitals and all other public places. The College of Physicians and Surgeons represents 22,000 specialist physicians.

SMOKING BANNED

Niagara Falls city hall banned smoking at the beginning of September and workers at the Port Colborne city hall have voted 98 per cent in favor of a ban.

The effects of smoking are taking on new dimensions as more research is being completed. Researchers have been telling people for a couple of years that

cigarettes can cause cancer, heart disease, birth defects and premature aging of the skin. Now there are reports concluding that smokers make worse drivers and maybe worse lovers than non-smokers.

Research done at the University of Massachusetts has found smokers have 50 per cent more auto accidents than non-smokers because people who risk their lives by smoking are also likely to take chances behind the wheel.

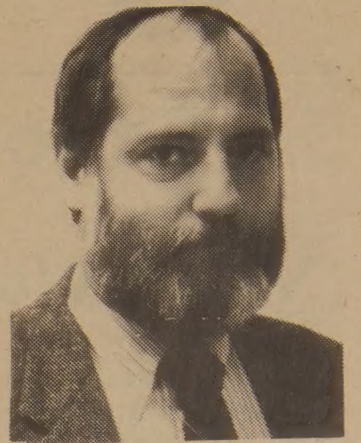
The Kingston General Hospital and Queen's University found that the vascular problems caused by smoking can lead to impotence. The percentage of smokers in the 178 impotent patients tested was significantly higher than among males in the general population; 58 per cent were smokers and 22 per cent were ex-smokers.

Up to 500 non-smokers die from second-hand smoke and 30,000 die directly from smoking each year in Canada.

Innovation Centre a help to businesses

One day this summer, a man came to Niagara College with an idea which he wanted to turn into a business. He was referred to the new Innovation Centre. As a result, his new business was due to open in downtown Welland last week: Nu-Tech Printing — "a state-of-the-art quick print shop that is computerized and uses laser technology," Elmer Wick, manager of the centre, said.

This man is just one of 35 "active clients" who came to the Innovation Centre for advice and help this summer — even though the centre, which just opened in the spring, had not yet advertised.



ELMER WICK

SHOWS REAL NEED

"If this level of interest exists in advance of the launching of our marketing and publicity program, then certainly there is a tremendous need for the kinds of services that the centre can provide in the peninsula," Mr. Wick said.

Mr. Wick came to the college from Mount Forest, Ont., with experience in economic development at the community level.

The man who opened the print shop had a different idea when he first came. "We helped him with his preliminary research," Mr. Wick said; he then decided to scrap his original plan and choose a more promising idea.

He had first come to the journalism department which referred him to the Innovation Centre.

"That's an example of the networking and referral services that can and do exist within the college," Mr. Wick said.

AGENCIES REFER

Thirty-five economic development agencies in the area and the staff of the college are beginning to refer clients to the centre. Mr. Wick finds it "encouraging" that some of the clients are Niagara College graduates.

He stresses that the services of the centre are available within the college. "The opportunities must be made available to people in the college, too," he said.

Nor is the centre confined to high tech. It is open to people with ideas for businesses of any kind including opening a small

shop.

Mr. Wick said many clients change their plans after preliminary research. If an idea is found to be viable and feasible then it is up to the client to decide what part the centre will play, whether it be contracting out to the centre or using the centre as a coach.

"If a client is able to do all the work himself, then he probably does not need consultation at all," Mr. Wick said.

The centre does more than consult. It provides services such as assessments, evaluation of ideas, products and processes, marketing studies, computer and business solution, management and entrepreneurial training as well as seminars and workshops.

Preliminary consultations are free but a fee is charged when the centre does complete research and prepares a corporate plan.

NC gets funds

Niagara College will receive more than \$500,000 this year courtesy of two government funds — a Capitol Projects Fund and the College Excellence Fund.

The college is not really receiving more money; it's just being put under a different label, Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said.

The Capital Projects Fund will give the college about \$248,000. How the money will be spent will be determined by Oct. 15 according to a list of priorities.

The College Excellence Fund, totaling about \$374,480, will "all be expended in this fiscal year," Miss Robarts said.

Grads raise \$

Nine interior design graduates took an active part in the planning and operation of a fundraising effort to help the Niagara Symphony Orchestra this past summer.

The graduates, with other designers in the region, redecorated a 1940 era Art Deco style home and opened it for public viewing as a Designer Showcase with proceeds going to the Niagara Symphony.

The house which received such special attention was Braeburn Estate in Niagara-on-the-Lake, owned by Inniskillin Winery owner Donald J.F. Ziraldo.

Designer Showcase chairman John Kazmir graduated from the college in 1975 and owns and operates Studio 76 Interior Designs Incorporated in St. Catharines.



Students in uniform

Law and security students sworn in as auxiliary police on Sept. 30 are, from left, back row, John Caporuscio, Brian Millejours, Steve Kmiecik, Brian Ash, Brian Bylsma, Harry Claassen and

Leslie Dabis. Sitting in the front row, from left are: Thomas Cook, Linda Giesen, Joe Abbott, Scott Kemp, and Peter Teske.

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Editorials

Victims left behind

Recently someone asked if being left-handed changed the way things are usually done.

At first that question irritated, but after some thought, the realization came that the person was asking if left-handed people are victims of their society.

The answer to that was a loud "no." The only people who are victims are those who allow themselves to become victims.

Like many racial groups in Canada, left-handed people are a minority. They have to adapt. Adapting to a situation is not victimizing a person unless he lets it happen and bemoans the fact that he is in a minority.

Left-handed people aren't even really victimized; it's only that it's easier to mass produce for a majority than specialize in a minority wanted object.

If someone has pride then he can never be a victim. They can laugh at the people who think they are victimized.

Being able to adapt and having proof of it in his mind strengthens a person's character. "Normal" people should receive the sympathy of those in minorities because they have hardly any way of knowing if when they came to a test of adapting they would be able to.

So here's my sympathy to "normal" people.

ANNE GABLE

Parking lot Picassos

Walking across the parking lots at the end of each day, one has to laugh. Never before have there been so many creative ways to park a vehicle. Niagara College students have to be number one in "Art Parking."

Every day one can discover a new artist with a new technique. Sometimes, usually on rainy days, the lots abound with sign of this creativity — over-the-line parking and half-up-the-curb parking are typical — but in the cold, wet weather the true artists come up with up-the-curb-and-on-to-the-grass parking, let's-box-in-our-neighbor-real-good parking and the ever infamous leave-it-where-it-lies parking.

People in the right place at the right time might see such rarities as back-it-up-till-it-hurts parking, steal-a-staff-spot-and-split parking or detour-through-the-ditch parking.

For all of the creative students wanting to display their techniques, there is a perfect spot for them to go...parking area A.

Phil Beatty

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The last rays of summer

Taking a break in the noonday sun, Roy Jankowski attempts to get a suntan do some

studying in Manera Court. Photo by Martin Pokol.

Read "fine print," keep OSAP loans

Receiving money from OSAP is not as easy as it seems, there are penalties and loan withdrawals caused by many things an OSAP newsletter said.

Many people do not understand the "fine print" involved in OSAP grants and loans. Credit rating, repayment, withdrawals from school and dropping courses affect a student's eligibility for OSAP loans or grants.

According to a news release, from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, about 3,000 students lost their eligibility for OSAP loans when they forgot to inform their banks of their continuing education.

If banks are not informed the student loses his interest-free loan status. To maintain this status a student must go to the financial aid office at the college and obtain an enrolment confirmation form signed by the financial aid officer. This form must be returned to the bank at which the loan was negotiated.

If a confirmation form is not given to the bank, it will apply a claim to the government for reimbursement of the loan. The student's loan is defaulted and repayment begins right away.

Six months after a student completes college or university, an interest rate one per cent higher than the prime lending rate is added to the loan amount. Students repaying loans in August 1986 were facing an interest rate of 10.375 per cent.

There is a time limit in which to repay a student. For an Ontario student's loan it is 6½ years or a maximum of 9½ years

for a Canadian student's loan of more than \$6,001. The maximum time for the Canadian loan varies with size of the student loan. There is a minimum monthly repayment fee according to the loan size.

A student considering withdrawing from college while on OSAP should consider how it would affect his future eligibility for grant assistance.

A student is eligible for eight Grant Eligibility Periods. Each period is the length of one semester. Regardless if the student is on OSAP or not, grant periods are subtracted after each semester.

If a student withdraws from his program in less than four weeks, a grant period is not subtracted. If it is more than four weeks a student does not receive a refund.

If a student does not drop out but drops courses the student loan and grant will be expected to be partially paid back right away.

If the course load is dropped to less than 60 per cent, the student loan will lose its interest free status after the course load reduction. Students who have dropped courses should contact the financial aid office as soon as possible.

The Financial Aid office is in Hennepin Hall. More information may be obtained from the Students Awards Branch, Ministry of Colleges and Universities, 8th Floor Mowat Block, Queen's Park, Toronto, M7A 2B4, or phone (416) 965-5241.

A special thank you

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Niagara College Student Administrative Council I would like to wish a special thank you to the students of Niagara College.

The contributions to Cystic Fibrosis helped us to raise above our goal of \$3,000 to over \$4,500.

On September 19 during our Shinerama blitz we raised \$3,000 from donations alone! When our final tally is arrived at, we hope to have surpassed the \$5,000 mark.

Thanks once again for all your support!

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Focus

on peace tour

Soviet, Canadian women share peace concerns

By SUZANNE HERNANDEZ
and SUSAN WRAY
Staff Writers

Soviet and Canadian women meeting this summer to share concerns about international tensions agreed the main reason for striving towards peace is because they want a world for their children to grow up in.

"It takes 21 years to raise a child and one minute for a bullet to end his life," Jennie Griffiths, Niagara College teacher said. "Women are more apt at meeting on levels such as motherhood, babies and education than men."

The fact that most of them were women who were mothers or grandmothers provided an appropriate meeting ground for discussion. "All the women we had dialogue with, women's committees as well as friendship clubs, all were determined and sincere about striving towards peace."

Mrs. Griffiths, a member of the Voice of Women organization for more than 20 years, was one of 13 delegates to visit the Soviet Union on a two-week peace tour in June. They visited four republics and exchanged views on peace with five Soviet groups.

Many of the young people they met in the three friendship clubs wanted to know why western people thought so badly of them.

"I didn't know what to say without running the west down so I simply said, we are all learning to get along with one another." Although democracy and communism are very dif-

ferent ways of life, "we've got to learn to get along with people whose lifestyles are different from our own."

In Moscow they met with the editorial board of the Soviet Women magazine and with the Soviet Women's Committee, which checks legislation concerning women and makes recommendations to the Soviet government.

"We understand that we don't get good press coverage in North America," one woman in Moscow said, throwing up her hands in mock exasperation. Despite these concerns Mrs. Griffiths was moved by the warmth and friendliness of all the groups.

Mrs. Griffiths' trip to the Soviet Union was also an educational experience. Understanding a country's culture helps you to understand the people, she said.

She brought back a copy of the magazine Soviet Women, several books about Soviet women and an English version of the bi-weekly publication, Moscow News. These were passed on to Mary Farrar in the career centre for a display that will be available for student viewing on Oct. 8.

Mrs. Griffiths felt the tour was successful. The exchange of warm gestures and gifts of friendship between Soviet and western women's groups helped "build bridges of friendship" that are desperately needed for peace.

All the Soviet women were intensely interested in, and



Jennie Griffiths

perhaps a little envious of, North American lifestyles. They loved North American fashions and consumer goods, Mrs. Griffiths said.

Since Mrs. Griffiths is of Armenian background, a highlight of her trip was visiting a commemorative monument to the genocide against Armenians in 1915.

In Armenia the passion and intensity of the people, the way they strived to keep their culture together and the mountains impressed her most.

She was impressed with the

gentleness and friendliness of the Moldavian people, and found a certain sophistication to the people in Georgia that was more like Canadians.

As the women's movement was rolling along in the 60s, the Voice of Women was probably one of the first women's groups to deal with serious issues such as war, peace and children, Mrs. Griffiths said.

With increasing international tensions, people have two choices; "they can either strive for peace or block it out. Someone has to take world peace seriously."

Artist's work reflects life

By PAT BAREVICH
Staff Writer

He is an accomplished artist, retired entomologist, an amateur botanist, mushroom cataloguer, illustrator and a biologist. He has painted with A.Y. Jackson, one of the Canadian Group of Seven, and he modestly refers to himself as an "ordinary citizen."

Bob Fisher, bearded and slightly built, exudes a gentleness and warmth as he speaks of his life work.

His love of life, nature, and art was reflected in an exhibit of watercolors, oils and drawings at the Hennepin Gallery which closed last Saturday.

landscapes

The exhibit included landscapes done in watercolors and oil, and wildflower drawings in India ink.

Mr. Fisher who has been painting for more than 50 years has also had an active career as a research entomologist.

His paintings demonstrate his "love of nature, and color and rhythm"

This love of nature was evident everywhere in the collection on exhibit in Welland.

"I always look for rhythms in landscape and accentuate those and color as well," he said. "I

don't copy what I look at — I actually abstract from nature."

This abstraction was reflected in the timeless quality evoked in Early Morning above the Beaver Dam. In Mist in the Meadow the viewer sees a frozen landscape and a foggy mist rising in the early morning. The cattle in the foreground are a murky reflection of life — stoically feeding in the rising grey mist.

Mr. Fisher's recent interest in collecting mushrooms was reflected in the bright Orange Mycena Mushroom. The vibrant orange mushrooms rise like a 'bright bouquet from the decaying leaves in which they grow.

Sunset on Waldsea Lake, one of a number of landscapes, shows a silhouetted figure in a power boat on the lake with an evocative setting sun in the background.

Mr. Fisher said he "nearly always paints into the sun" because of his interest in the dramatic effects of light and shadow. He paints light and how he sees the light being changed by things around it.

In "Sharing the Stage" vibrant crimson poppies vie for the viewers attention with lavender star-shaped clematis.

"I was fascinated by how the light came through all this — these clematis," he said. "These things — the poppies were glowing like light bulbs."

He has had more than 20 one-man exhibits since 1965 in such cities as London, Cornwall, Paris, Hamilton and Niagara Falls.

dark eyes

The dark eyes behind his glasses flash and his soft-spoken voice rises when he emphasizes he is "not a glory hunter." He admits he enjoys the acclaim of his peers, but "when you paint for recognition you lose," he says adamantly. "I only paint what I want — I will not paint to please anyone else."

Mr. Fisher has visited Combermere, north of Peterborough, for more than 30 years with other artists to capture "the gorgeous pattern of color over

the hills."

They were "not copying nature — that's very important — we were responding to nature," Mr. Fisher said.

Much of Mr. Fisher's work reflects his philosophy of painting. "I want to convey the mood of the moment."

He said he would never be satisfied because "once you're satisfied you're finished." If you don't keep changing or evolving, "you might as well quit."

He has been married for 38 years to his wife Norma, who is a jewelry-maker with the St. Catharines Craft Guild. The Fishers, who live in St. Catharines, have two children Ken, 30, and Belinda, 29, and one granddaughter.

Media equipment moves

The Welland Campus media equipment distribution services was moved to the Learning Resource Centre Audio/Visual area during the summer.

The combined service is on the second floor near the back.

The centre is equipped with several thousand reels of film, videos and slide sets as well as the machine hardware to work both. They cover subjects from technology, human psychology to the arts, Trish Labonte, head librarian said.

Students may borrow the software if they have a signed form from an instructor.

If students have problems writing tests, there is software available to give instruction on the art of studying.

Mrs. Labonte said the library hopes to move the distribution services to the front of the library next year.

Dale Zinatelli and Helen Kovacs are in charge of the library department.

Alyce Bowes retires

By BLAIR CARR
Staff Writer

A lifetime of helping others has left the Second World War veteran and guidance counsellor with a lot of memories, good friends and respect.

Alyce Bowes, a counsellor at the St. Catharines Campus retired on Sept. 30 after 19 years at Niagara College.

Prior to the party Miss Bowes said, "I was looking at 65" and decided it was time to get on with my life.

I want to "spend time with the cat and do the things I want to do when I want to do them," the Niagara Falls native said.

Duane Orr, counsellor, said he has the highest regard for her as a person and professional. She has "added a whole new dimension to counselling."

Miss Bowes has a "terrific" relationship with adults and younger students, Mr. Orr said. She does not look down upon students and instead treats them with respect.

Donna LeBlanc, secretary, said "I thoroughly enjoyed working with the lady. I will miss her honesty and her direct approach in dealing with people. With Alyce, what you see is what you get."

Donna Wessels, nurse at health services, said she is a "kind, generous, very caring and gutsy lady who is not afraid to stand up for what she believes in. She's always been like that and hopefully always will be."

Miss Bowes said her policy as a counsellor was to "keep the door open so people could come with problems even if it's to sound off about problems with a teacher."

She is known for her sayings and a list of these was presented to her at the party.

A few of her printable quotes are:

If clues were shoes, he'd be barefoot.

A face like a can of whistling oysters.

Put it where the Paddy put the egg shells.

Miss Bowes, a veteran of the Second World War, was in the Canadian Women's Army Corps from 1942 to 1946.

In the First European Corps overseas and at home, she performed a variety of jobs for 90 cents a day. A few of the jobs were ambulance driving, teaching women basic training, a postal clerk and working in a Canadian Army Trades School for men.

"My country, right or wrong," Miss Bowes said was her philosophy behind joining. "No one thinks they will have to get a gun and shoot anyone when they join."

All the men were joining and it was a chance to be earning and learning at the same time, she said.

Although women did not see combat, she had some tense moments.

In occupied Germany, her head was split open by a German civilian's gun. She was in the process of driving a military truck with another soldier through German cities.

"When you're over there, there isn't any time when your life isn't in danger."

After the war she worked with emotionally disturbed children at the Ministry of Corrections for six years.

Peaceful forces release prisoners

By BOBBIE STOREY
Staff Writer

Every year thousands of men, women and children are arrested because of their beliefs.

Amnesty International, a human rights organization, "peacefully forces" governments to release these "prisoners of conscience."

"Prisoners of conscience are those imprisoned or banned for their political or religious beliefs, color, sex, ethnic origin, or language, who have neither used nor advocated violence," Prof. Donald Morgenson, regional representative for Amnesty International, told students in the Hamilton Room Sept. 23.

They oppose governments that violate the Universal Declaration of rights. The governments they oppose are all signatories to the bill.

"The goal of Amnesty International, is to stop violations and to abolish torture and the death penalty," he said.

Amnesty members write letters to governments holding these prisoners requesting information on the prisoner and asking for a fair trial.

There are "Prisoner of the Month" and "Prisoner of Conscience week." During these periods members, from more than 150 countries send letters to the governments and prison guards about a specific prisoner. This usually persuades the government to give a trial or to free the prisoner.

Professor Morgenson said

governments usually respond to the letters they receive from Amnesty members.

For 20 per cent of prisoners the situation improves; 20 per cent are released; for 20 per cent there is a slight improvement; for 30 per cent they receive no information and for 10 per cent the situation worsens.

Amnesty found innocent children are often abducted because of their parents beliefs.

Children such as Tamara, 3, from Chile are beaten and raped because their parents oppose the government's ideology.

In Paraguay, Joel, 17, was abducted because his father was known to oppose the government. Joel has medical certificates to prove he was beaten.

In Africa dozens of children were rounded up, put into military jails so crowded some of them suffocated. Others were bayoneted or beaten.

An 11-year-old peasant girl was arrested in Haiti for joining in a group protest against economic conditions.

"Canada is one of the most successful countries because they have few if any political prisoners," Prof. Morgenson said. They do not violate many human rights so their pressure is more effective.

"Amnesty International is politically independent," he said. It does not support or oppose any government or political system. It is concerned only with the protection of human rights involved in each case, regardless of the ideology of the government or the beliefs of the victim.



Summer memories

A student remembers summer as he relaxes in front of the McKenzie Building. Ah, for more

summer days, but, alas.....Photo by Martin Pokol

Emphasis on quality

Campus food prices rise slightly

Food on the campus will cost a little more this year as prices rose slightly in the cafeteria and the mini cafeteria.

Allen Oleskiw, district manager for Versa Foods, said prices for lunches and snacks increased generally due to the inflation and operating expenses. He said a wider variety of food has been made available this year as Versa is putting more emphasis on a larger menu.

"We want the students to have more of a choice this year and we want them to feel that they're getting value for their money," he said.

This is Versa Foods' second year as caterers at the college. Mr. Oleskiw said he feels that they have built up a positive reputation. "It takes a long time to build up a reputation and a very short time to lose it," he said. Mr. Oleskiw said and they try to achieve a happy medium with quantity and quality and they try to satisfy student expectations with a variety of food that is attractive and a decor that is pleasing to the eye. He said they adjust their prices to be competitive with the community.

Jack Spittle, plant and property manager, said the students have to get a decent break. He feels cafeteria prices are less expensive than restaurant prices downtown. Mr. Spittle is a

member of the Food Service Committee on campus which makes sure that prices do not get out of hand. The committee weighs the services of companies and considers their value to the college.

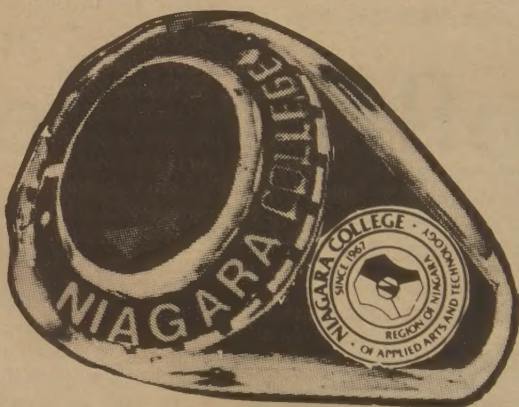
"The committee wants anyone who uses the cafeteria services to feel that they're getting value for their money," he said.

Mr. Spittle said the committee, made up of Peter Cridland, Foster Zanutto, Hugo Bessems, Sandra Fox, Bette Ferguson and himself, negotiates with a company until a satisfactory agreement is reached. This year the committee decided that no sandwiches would cost more than \$1.25.

Last year Versa Foods had a profit of three per cent. Mr. Oleskiw said the margin would have been lower if production had been off. He said it is a dynamic business with constant reacting and changing. One must be flexible and know when to promote and when not to, he said.

Mr. Oleskiw said that Versa cannot be 100 per cent to everyone so they try to please the majority. "People have the idea that the cheapest is the best, but that isn't always true."

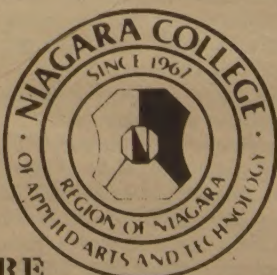
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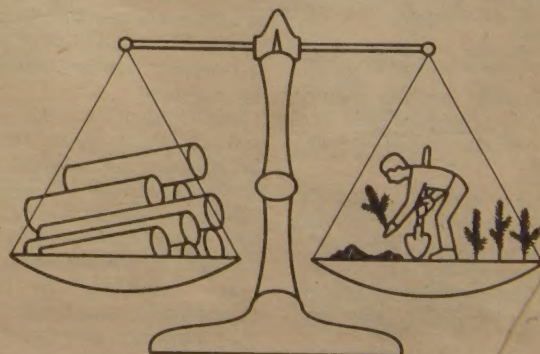
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Recognition for visual arts

By MAUREEN MARTIN
Staff Writer

Four representatives of Niagara College will have their creative talents displayed in Ottawa this weekend as part of the College Arts '86.

The works of graduates Thom Hounsell, film production /RTV program, Sue Rigby, interior design, and second year students Karen Askew, interior design, and Lauralie Parish, theatre arts program, will be in Ottawa Oct. 10 to 12.

College Arts '86 is a showcase and competition for visual arts students. There will be five winners in Ottawa, each receiving \$5,000.

Last spring seven students won the Niagara region competition and had their works sent to Toronto for the Ontario Regional Exhibition. The exhibit was shown at the John B. Aird Gallery in Toronto from Sept. 3 to 27.

HAT IS ENTRY

The entry by Lauralie, second-year theatre arts student, is a red period lady's hat (1903). Lauralie is a second-year theatre arts student studying scenic painting, props, and costumes and properties.

The hat was created for last year's production of The Club. It took her about two days to do but by then "I knew what I was doing," she said.

A letter telling her that her entry was going on to Ottawa was waiting for Lauralie when she arrived home from working in the theatre. "It was a nice surprise," she said.

Lauralie said she is anticipating a "busy" weekend attending workshops and seminars while in Ottawa.

Karen received a letter about the advancement of her entry in time for her 20th birthday. Karen, a second-year interior design student, entered watercolor window treatments. This was part of a major term project.

WAS SHOCKED

When the letter congratulating the regional winners arrived, Karen "was shocked." Karen said it is just starting to "hit" her.

She is looking forward to her trip to Ottawa. The entrants pay their way but are reimbursed when they arrive, she said.

Thom's entry is a film titled Roll Out the Barrel. The graduate of the film production/RTV program is working in Toronto for a film company called Operation Rally, Elias Petras, film instructor, said.

Thom's entry was a term project documentary, made with a group of other students, about the history of Niagara Falls and "barrel people," Mr. Petras said.

The film won third place in the CBC Telefest competition for all

college and university courses in film, radio and TV. Another third place award came from the Class of '86 film showcase, Mr. Petras said.

TERM ASSIGNMENT

Sue's entry is from a major term assignment. It is a pen and ink rendering of period rooms. Sue is a graduate of the Interior Design program and is working at Studio 76 with John Kazmir in St. Catharines, Paul Firlotte, interior design co-ordinator, said.

Three students won at the local level and made it as far as the regional level. They are James Dufour, member of Student Administrative Council, and graduates Mari Iacovella and Stephen Shaw.

James, a second-year interior design student, entered a watercolor pattern repeat. James is the social convener for SAC.

Mari is a graduate of the interior design program. She is in Guelph working with The Design Group, Mr. Firlotte said. Her entry, done in felt marker, was titled Looking Glass Interior.

Stephen, a graduate of the television broadcasting program, entered a film titled The Critical Moment. Stephen is working on the IMAX production being filmed in Niagara Falls.

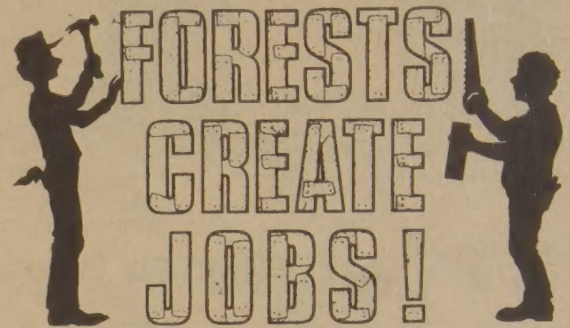
Congratulate graduates

Graduates of the Health Care Aide program were congratulated by representatives of Niagara College, the Greater Niagara General Hospital and the Canada Employment Centre at convocation ceremonies held in the Mount Carmel assembly hall.

The graduating class in July were: Bonnie Baltich, Rina Capaldi, Diana Nadeau, Florence Osborne, valedictorian, and Sherril Smayata of Welland; Jennifer Bomberry, Heather Boyd, Lorie Bradshaw, Diana

Hallett, Mina Key, Micheline Lanctot, Lyse Moreau, Suzanne Roberts, Eileen Sing Gen and Connie Spiece from St. Catharines; Marlene Friesman, Viramy Hang, Joanne Nevills and Nicole Whittom from Niagara Falls; Mary Lou DiMarco from Port Colborne and Michele Sully from Allanburg.

Only three of the 21 graduates did not find jobs. There were "jobs available but the women turned them down for personal reasons," Willie Ostrander, chairman of Mount Carmel campus, said.



Your Forests...Your Future



Nursing applicants exceed limit students stampede Mack Centre

By KELLY McCALLUM
Staff Writer

Another group of students has stampeded the doors of the Mack Nursing Centre in St. Catharines this year.

In the past, hundreds of applicants have been turned away from the program and the 1986-87 school year has been no exception. This year the college received about 900 applications but only 120 students could be accepted, Lois Millar chairman of Mack Nursing, said.

Enrolment in the third term is 107 while fifth term has 90 students.

Students who fail a term are permitted to repeat it so the figures for graduating students from the class of 1983 are not complete. As things stand, 106 people have graduated and six more will finish the program in November, making a total of 112 graduates.

In the first term students study biology, nursing and social sciences as well as complete clinical work. The clinical component of this term finds students observing "healthy individuals in the community," Miss Millar said.

EXTENSIVE WORK

Students attend nursery schools and do assessments of a

child, visit family homes and interview pregnant women and an elderly client. This extensive research prepares students to recognize problems in their second term studies.

During the second term, students spend two days each week in a hospital setting where they learn about simple health care problems.

Second-term students are required to continue the same academic studies they were responsible for in the first term.

In the third term, students study nursing, work in the hospital for three days per week and deal with more complex health problems. One month of this term is spent working full time in a nursing home or home for the aged. During this work term, students are not required to work in the hospital setting.

Terms four and five consist of working in the hospital, studying medical surgery and psychiatry in one term and pediatrics and obstetrics for the other term. The class is divided in half and the studies are alternated, group one studying medical surgery and psychiatry first and other subjects are studied the next term. Group two will study these courses in reverse order.

IN TERM 6

Pre-graduate experience comes in the sixth term. Each

student works 35 hours per week in the hospital learning to function independently. If they want, students can work at a number of hospitals to gain further knowledge but most hospitals are operated relatively the same so this is not a requirement to complete the program.

In addition to the work experience, graduating students must research and study all of the cases to which they have been assigned at the hospital. They are marked on these assignments.

After graduation students must look outside of the region if they are interested in finding full-time work immediately. The Niagara region does have a lot of casual and part-time openings available to graduates with families or who want to stay in the peninsula, with opportunities for full-time work in the future.



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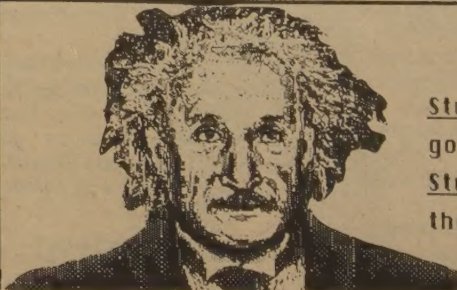
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Gary Kleinstaub adjusts the hand-held Sony Catharines covered live by radio and television students.

Photo by Blair Carr

New portables are leased to make room for teachers

Niagara College will spend \$17,500 this year to lease two relocatable classrooms for offices for new faculty.

The two buildings will be brought in one-half at a time since they are 24 feet by 60 feet long, double the length of those located behind Hennipen Hall, Jack Spittle, plant and property manager, said. They will hold between 15-23 teachers' offices in each.

The new staff was hired after a new union contract was reached in the spring. Since it would be too costly and time consuming to add on to existing buildings, the portables were the only alternative, Mr. Spittle said. "It was an emergency and our only alternative but I'm impressed with the interior, they're quite attractive."

The portables will be electrically heated, have two doors and no walls inside so that the interior can be divided up by the furniture. They will be east of the Merritt Building, next to the

bus stop, so power may be brought in from First Avenue.

College starting Tech program

Niagara College started a new three-year manufacturing engineering technology program this year.

It opened with 27 registered of a possible 30 students, this is "pretty good" for a new program, John Parrett, registrar, said.

The program is designed to provide a broad and useful base in theoretical and practical aspects of the manufacturing disciplines, the course outline pamphlet reads. The program is designed as a co-operative work program for the summer months.

Graduates of the program are able to enter into a variety of occupations: purchasing, production control, industrial engineering and others.

37 RTV students broadcast live the 35th Grape Festival parade

By BLAIR CARR
Staff Writer

Informants, some with walkie talkies, stationed themselves along the crowded St. Catharines street to warn of movement looming on the horizon. Within the impatient crowd, men, wearing headsets and heavy clothing, peered through their camera lenses at the empty road in anticipation of the day's event.

This is the scene the Radio and Television students' cameras could not see for they were too busy filming the 35th annual Grape Festival Parade.

The crew of 37 RTV students and teachers broadcast live their own production of the parade from the St. Catharines City Hall to Maclean Hunter on Sept. 27.

"Because of Maclean Hunter's co-operation, we were able to go live," Scott Davis, publicity said. Maclean Hunter provided the walkie talkies, two panasonic tripod cameras and a mobile unit.

The two hour and 10 minute parade will be re-run on Maclean

Hunter Cable 10 on Oct. 9 at 2 p.m. and Oct. 12 at 3:30 p.m. and on Armstrong Communications Cable 12 on Oct. 9 at 7 p.m.

Brian Pennanen, producer/director, said, "Everything went great, I was really surprised. It (the parade) was long, but went very smooth."

The announcers, Dan Dunleavy and Carol Schade, said they were nervous at first but once the parade started it disappeared.

"There were a lot of changes (in program) and there wasn't time to be nervous," Carol said.

"It was fun," she said. "we just talked like we were watching the parade."

The remote broadcast was double recorded through Maclean Hunter Cable and Armstrong Communications to St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Thorold, Fort Erie and Welland.

During the parade, six crew members monitored audio and video quality in RTV Niagara College Van.

Brian, in the van, watched camera monitors and decided what to shoot and the best

angle. This was relayed to the camera person through headphones. Bootsie Sammut, the technical director, was responsible for changing camera angles on his directions.

Three cameras were used. One hand-held Sony and a tripod, controlled by Jamie Bell and Scott Davis, were stationed on the road. Another tripod, controlled by Joanne Tweney, was mounted on the truck for fan aerial view.

Wayne Williams, chief of communications, scouted the parade to inform Lorraine Humphrey, script assistant, and the announcers of program changes and the start of the parade. Information went through a number of communications people before reaching its two separate destinations of the college van to the director or on the roof of the mobile unit to the announcers.

Crew call for the 11 a.m. parade was 7 a.m. and it took three hours to set up the equipment. At 9 a.m. the live feed was tested at Maclean Hunter. It then took an hour to go through channels and check everything.

ISHM club sends members to electronics competition

The International Society of Hybrid Microelectronics (ISHM) Club sent four people to Atlanta for an international competition this past weekend.

Ian Porteus, 22, Gordon Plesher, 22, and Adam Gian-

New SC Senate

A new St. Catharines Campus student Senate Executive was elected by acclamation and began its term Oct. 1.

Positions filled were: president — Sue Hanna, computer numerical control; vice president of internal affairs — Rudy Andres, audit; vice president of external affairs — Tina Knarr, audit; secretary-recording — Adell Infantine, audit; secretary-corresponding — Shirley Lalonde, audit; treasurer, current accounts — Bill Young, industrial maintenance mechanic; treasurer, copier account — Mark Aston, CNC, and events chairmen — Jackie Comeau, CNC, and Carla Belinski, audit.

nopoulos, 26, will be student representatives for Niagara College. Richard Furbacher, their co-ordinator and faculty adviser for ISHM will attend.

The electronics engineering technology students will be exhibiting their displays in front of 20 student chapters worldwide.

"Niagara College has competed in the competition for the past four year," Mr. Furbacher said. "In 1983 and 1985 we won first prize."

Mr. Furbacher will present a technical paper based on the work of a previous student, Robert Bisson. Mr. Bisson was a student at Niagara College three years ago. He is working at Bell Northern Research in Ottawa and cannot attend the conference.

The club, which is worldwide, is hoping to get money from Student Administrative Council (SAC) and from its parent organization, Can-Am, which exists in Ontario and Western New York.

Two doctors left at clinic

Niagara Colleges Health Centre will operate with one less doctor this year, but "nobody's suffering," Marion Kerr Niagara College Nurse said.

Dr. Micheal Lovegrove decided not to work at the college this year because of his busy schedule. Two doctors are available Tuesday and Thursday morning, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Inconvenient

Although Mrs. Kerr said she hopes for another clinic day, she assures students they will be assisted and advised. "It may be more inconvenient but no one will go without help," Mrs. Kerr said.

Health Care office hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Dr. Lovegrove is working full-time at a private practice, 325 Thorold Rd. W., Welland.



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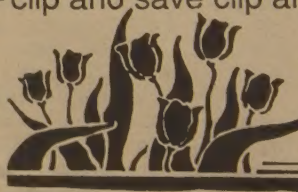


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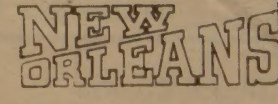


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A group of tourism students provided just such an enjoyable opportunity when they organized a winetasting on two September weekends.

A St. Catharines campus classroom became an airy, bright and spacious winetasting room for two weekends as part of the St. Catharines Grape and Wine Festival.

The people at the winetasting were treated to a well-organized event presented with flair and dedication.

Four Niagara wineries were represented with each sending three wines — a white, a red and a sparkling wine. A \$6 admission charge covered five different winetasting selections a glass of wine and a cup of tea or coffee. Grape juice was available at a nominal cost.

FILLS BILL

The winetasting was "just what we were after," Christine Bolger of Toronto said. Mrs. Bolger, and her husband, Dan, agreed the event was a great idea with a little bit of everything they were looking for in a winetasting. "It filled the bill beautifully," Mrs. Bolger said.

Ed and Sue Doherty of Mississauga both felt the winetasting was well-organized and well represented Niagara wines. Mr. Doherty's grin defused his only criticism, "It's the field trips that kill you," he laughed.



Tourism student Kathryn Jelbert pours a visitor a glass of wine at a winetasting held at the St. Catharines Campus as part of the Niagara Grape and Wine festival.

Photo by Pat Barevich

Tourism students, Edith Forray and Leanne Smith were prepared to offer visitors an informative presentation on wine appreciation.

Edith told Tom Wynne and Shirley Brown of Toronto that wine should be served in a clean,

clear glass with nothing "to obscure your view" of the wine. Holding the wine up to the light shows whether the wine's color holds problems or promise, Leanne said.

Runners raise \$2,400 for cardiac monitors

Seven students and two teachers from the Ambulance and Emergency Care program raised \$2,400 for cardiac monitors when they took part in the Run for the Grapes in St. Catharines.

Co-ordinator Frank Adamson ran 10 miles and raised \$400; instructor Rick Chandler ran 3½ miles and students Ferd Runge, Claudio Ferneti, Steve Crossley, Vaughn MacDonald, Doug Richards, Darryl Smith and Brian Donnelly ran 2½ miles each and raised \$2,000.

Student Andree De Vabrie won an ambulance jacket for

raising \$338 in pledges, the most for the Sept. 27 run.

The money will go to the Niagara Emergency Health Services and equipment for the ambulance purchased last year.

Last year a similar run was organized to raise money for the ambulance.

The Ambulance Committee organized a car wash last Saturday to raise more money for the cardiac monitors.

More fund-raising activities will be held in the future, "but we're taking one step at a time," Sean Brown, president of the Ambulance Committee, said.

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The Dental ASsistant and Dental Hygiene programs at Niagara College have gained five years' full accreditation from the Canadian Dental Association, (CDA).

Accreditation is the CDA stamp of approval on college dental programs. Last year the organization studied six dental programs in Ontario for accreditation.

The Dental Assistant and Dental Hygiene programs at Niagara have gained prestige by being fully accredited, Robert Baddeley, chairman of allied health and pre-school education, said. Accreditation also means graduates can now move to other provinces to practice dental hygiene. They now only have to sit the unwritten portion of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons licensing examination.

The Dental Hygiene co-ordinators and faculty worked

hard to prepare an accreditation report which was submitted in January of this year; everything to do with the program had to be documented.

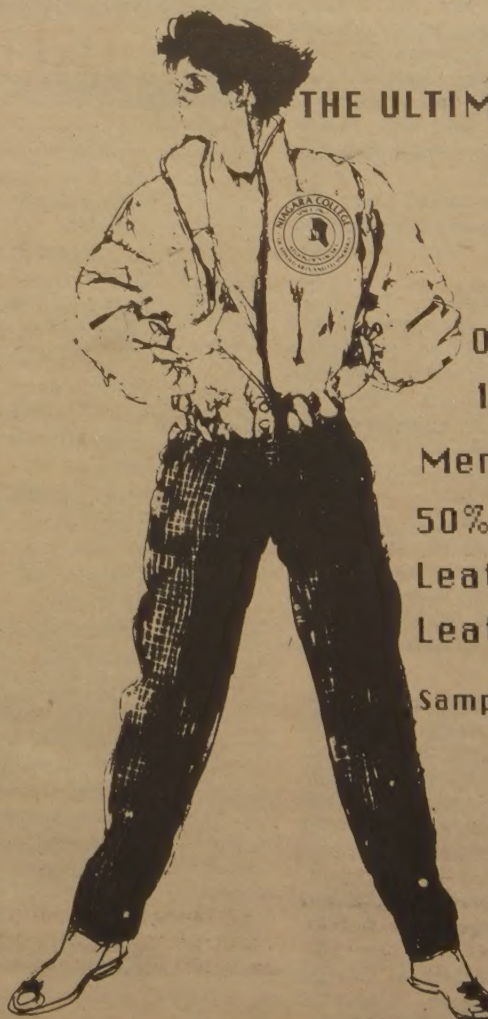
"The co-ordinators and faculty deserve an enormous amount of credit for their hard work," Mr. Baddeley said.

In March the CDA sent a four-man team to interview faculty and students, and to meet with the chairman of the advisory committee, Karen Shaw, and college officials. The team also observed the Dental Hygiene clinic and all its facilities.

The CDA made nine minor recommendations for the change. The one that will take the most time to implement is to restructure the way biology-related courses in the dental programs are taught. Niagara College faculty will work on a curriculum review this year.

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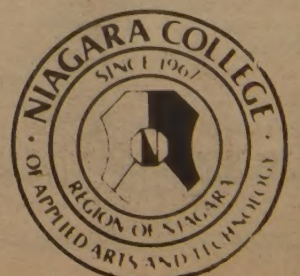
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Engineering student Allan Spisak shines college president Jacqueline Roberts' shoes while Shinerama chairman David Rapelje accepts a donation.

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Students raise \$4,578 for Cystic Fibrosis

Niagara College students raised \$4,578.94 last month, surpassing the goal of \$3,000 in the annual drive to aid cystic fibrosis (CF) research.

September was Shinerama Month at Niagara College and about 250 students joined Student Administrative Council Sept. 19 at malls, police stations, fire departments and around the college to shine shoes for donations.

CF is an incurable disease which attacks the lungs and digestive systems of children. It is the most common life-threatening hereditary disease of children, second only to cancer.

The initial \$1,440 was raised at a pub night at the Aquaduck Sept. 10, where \$2 of a \$3 cover going to CF. The pub was jammed with people who came to see the new wave band, Gilt, and be a part of Shinerama.

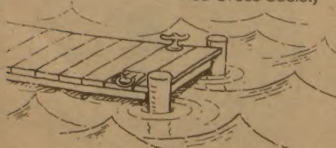
"I am overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of the students who did participate," Dave Rapelje, vice-president of external affairs and chairman of Shinerama, said.

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Dave, who began working on the Shinerama project in early May, really pushed for volunteers, Donna Flutur, SAC secretary, said.

Class representatives were shown films on CF and its effect on children. Each class representative was urged to bring classmates to help shine. The programs that made the most money will receive prizes. A party was given in honor of the Shinerama volunteers for their support at the end of the day by SAC.

Shinerama is an annual event at colleges and universities. Niagara College has sponsored a Shinerama campaign for three years. Last year there wasn't a Shinerama due to lack of organization said Mrs. Flutur. The year before students raised about \$1,500.

"Everyone pulled their own weight. I thought it went exceptionally well," Mrs. Flutur said.

DRESSED UP

Theatre student, Brad Massingham, 22, and some of his classmates dressed as clowns, giving Shinerama balloons for donations. The ambulance, early childhood education and theatre programs had the most number of shiners.

To kick off the campaign, Kathleen Harvey, SAC president, and Dave shined Welland Mayor Roland Hardy's shoes. Next to have her shoes shined was Jacqueline Roberts, college president.

However, Shinerama is not over. A car wash, which was rained out Sept. 20, will take place in a few weeks at the Aquaduck on Niagara Street and the Sunoco Service Station at Niagara Street and Quaker Road.

"Hopefully with the car wash we'll get more than \$5,000," Dave said.

The St. Catharines Campus sponsored a dance, raising \$91 toward the CF campaign.

Niagara College will have to "run harder and faster" to get its share of provincially funded training programs. But Jacqueline Roberts, Niagara College president, said she is confident the college can "plug into it."

The training programs, announced last month, are aimed at helping Ontario regain its place in world trade. Ontario has recorded its first trade deficit in many years, Miss Roberts said.

"Ontario is trying to be more competitive," she said. Ontario either doesn't have the trained labor force to compete in world trade markets or labor costs are too high.

The Ontario Training Strategy will target, among others, the unemployed functionally illiterate.

IN EFFECT

Much of the five-part strategy is already in effect under different names, Miss Roberts said. Funding has been doubled from \$50 to \$100 million. The five parts of the strategy: area a training consulting service, training incentives, trades, up-dating, access programs, and an institute for skills training.

A training consulting service, with funding at \$15 million, will provide advice and information, in co-operation with community colleges, to Ontario business for training of personnel.

Training incentives have been in effect as Training in Business Industry (TIBI). Businesses are encouraged to invest in technology. They are assisted in keeping their workers and managers up to date. Funding is \$43 million.

Trades updating is "a beginning," Miss Roberts said. The program provides short-term training opportunities for individuals in the skilled trades, such as welding. Funding is \$4 million.

OVERCOME BARRIERS

Access programs will help overcome major barriers to training. There will be a major commitment to overcome barriers to literacy and numeracy, particularly as they relate to work. Funding is \$32 million. Some of the work was being done through the technical upgrading program (TUP).

These four parts of the

strategy "could be done by the college itself or by the private sector," Miss Roberts said.

The fifth part of the training strategy is an institute for skill training with \$6 million set aside to develop technology-based training programs. A partnership will be created between colleges and key sectors of the economy. But Miss Roberts said she doesn't "know where they'll have it yet."



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SPORTS

Two Niagara students place first in Sherkston Tinman Triathlon

Three athletes, two attending Niagara College, were first place winners by a convincing eight minutes over the second place team in the first Sherkston Beaches Tinman Triathlon.

Colin Reid, Eric Guenette and his brother, Jacques, finished the punishing 65.8 mile course in a time of three hours, 48 minutes and 39 seconds.

Colin, 21, attends the college in his second year of computer programming and Eric, 18, is in his first year of business administration.

The Tinman is half of the grueling Ironman competition; last year it was held in Hawaii, and televised in Canada. The Sherkston competition was held Aug. 12.

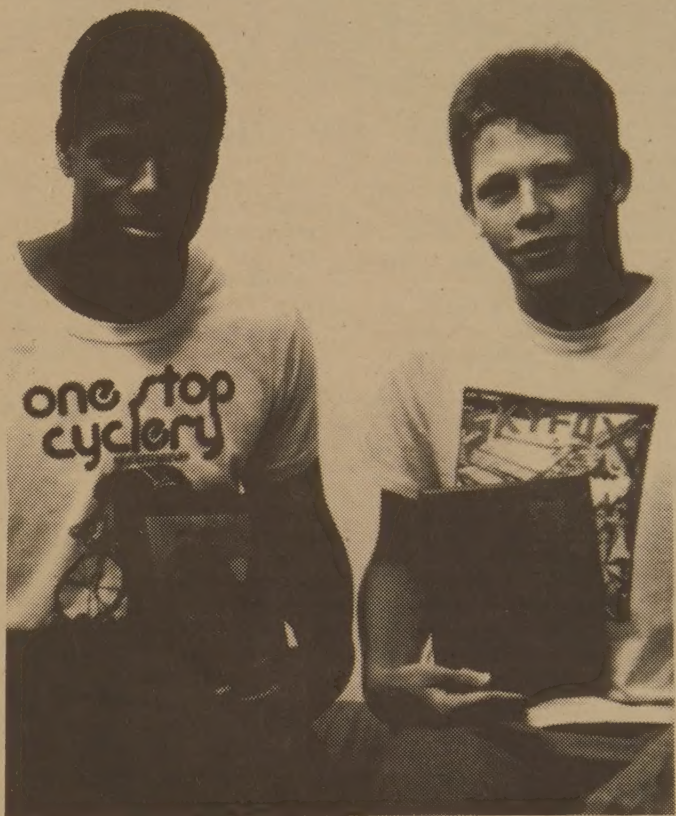
"The course was pretty tough and competition in the running and swimming was hard," Colin and Eric said.

The course consisted of 1.2 miles of swimming, 51 miles of cycling and 13.6 mile of running. Eric completed the swimming in a time of 14 minutes, his brother cycled in two hours and eight minutes and Colin finished the run in one hour and 19 minutes.

Competitors from the United States and Canada took part in the race staged to benefit the Big Brothers Association of Port Colborne and the WNY Burn Treatment Centre at Sheehan Emergency Hospital.

The trio was partially sponsored by One Stop Cycle in St. Catharines and are "looking for full sponsorship next year."

It was the first time the trio had raced together as a team.



Colin Reid, right, and Eric Guenette, pose with their first place trophies after competing in the Sherkston Beaches Tinman Triathlon during the summer. Their time, three hours, 48 minutes and 39 seconds, was well ahead of second place.

Photo by Donna Morrison

College students win second place in tennis

Three Niagara College students placed second in the Tennis Regionals at Mohawk College in Hamilton Sept. 26-27.

Tim Kemp, human relations, placed second in the men's singles and in men's doubles, Mike Musselman, business administration, and Rick Holt, general college, had the same honor.

"They all played very well, playing consistent tennis," coach Judy Halaiko said. "We are looking forward to the weekend coming up."

The students participate in the Ontario Championships in London Oct. 3-4 at the Green Hills Country Club.

There was no woman's team this year.

In the Regionals, 12 men competed in the men's singles and six teams were involved in men's doubles.

Bright students apply for a hundred awards

Niagara College offers more than 100 awards and bursaries to students with outstanding scholastic records.

Each school at the college has its own awards and bursaries, Elaine Spark, financial aid officer, said.

In addition college-wide awards are offered; students must apply for these.

Program co-ordinators choose the award-winners from their department in recognition of their scholastic standing.

An Awards Night is held in June for winners, donors, the Board of Governors and the awards committee.

Plaques are given as well as monetary awards. Students who receive monetary awards must declare them on their OSAP forms, Mrs. Spark said. If the student receives a grant, the amount of the award is automatically deducted from it.

Some awards to returning students are automatically credited towards fees. If the student does not return, the money is credited to the donor's account for the next year.

This is to protect the donor who chose to support the program.



The 1986 golf team are: back row coach Peter Rylander, Bruce MacGregor and Greg Dougan. Front row are Mike Campbell and Bart Von Kalckreuth.

Photo by Blair Carr

Golf team: 12th, 5th

A disappointing 12th place of 13 colleges and a fifth place tie of 10 teams was the result of the Niagara College golf team's participation in two events during the end of September.

Bart Von Kalckreuth, Bruce MacGregor, Mike Campbell and Greg Dougan took part in the OCAA Golf Championships in Barrie. The team placed 12th with a combined first score of 390, a second score of 372 and a total team effort of 762.

"They played as well as they

could," coach Peter Rylander said.

Fanshawe, Sheridan and Seneca College tied for first place with a combined player score of 666.

At the invitational golf tournament at Conestoga College in Kitchener, the team placed fifth with a 350 team effort. Seneca College placed first with a 324 team effort.

The OCAA Championship took place Sept. 25-26 and the invitational golf on Sept. 19.

First game Nov. 12

After a disappointing 1-13 season last year, women's basketball begins its new season with a home exhibition game Oct. 22.

The first league game is Nov. 12.

Five players are returning this season: Charlotte Prevost, Donna Stones, Sue Sbrizzi, Mary Gaudet and Marcia VanderZanden. The

team has eight rookies: Kim Girotti, Laura Managhan, Flavia Frasca, Lisa Berardi, Sandra Hogeveen, Chris Andrews, Genda Lorenz and Jane Hargreaves.

Coach Mizette Critelli said it is too early to determine how the team will do, but it has some speed and size to work with this year.

New course stresses job safety, health

After more than a year-and-a-half of planning, a new three-week health and safety program is set to begin Oct. 20.

The program, Basic Occupational Health and Safety, is "something brand new — I don't think there's another college that has a program like this," Gary Bucholz, an advisory committee member and instructor for the course, said.

Mr. Bucholz said the course is unique because it is a day-release program. Employees are "taken out of their place of work; employers release employees to learn health and safety."

The course is about 105 hours and covers occupational safety, industrial psychology, effective communications, fire loss control and occupational hygiene and health.

The instructors, practitioners in health and safety, are from business and industry in the Niagara Region.

Pamphlets and information have been sent to hospitals, fire departments, utilities, school boards and businesses in the region. "We're anticipating we're going to get a good registration," Mr. Bucholz said.

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New Adult bilingual program

French Language Services under the School of Applied Arts and Health Sciences is offering a new bilingual adult training program in the Health Care field starting Oct. 27.

The program, Bilingual Health Care Aide, is designed to help unemployed adults learn new skills while upgrading their education.

Claire Moccio, administrator of French Languages Services, said the need for the course is there. According to Mrs. Moccio, the Canada Employment Centre needs bilingual people who are trained in the health care field to assist patients who speak French in the Niagara Region.

The course outline says the program is geared to help adults function under the supervision of registered nursing staff and physicians. It assists residents in long-term and chronic care facilities in meeting their basic emotional, social and physical needs.

Mrs. Moccio said she should have no problems filling the course, held at the Mount Carmel campus in Niagara Falls.

The program begins Oct. 27 to Feb. 13.

Welland Vale receives new name

The Welland Vale Campus was renamed the St. Catharines Campus during the summer.

Effective July 4, 1986, the new name was adopted to more accurately reflect its location and use.

The campus opened in 1968 and more than 45,000 individuals from St. Catharines and the region have attended classes. Students can and have participated in a variety of educational activities, including adult training, apprenticeship programs and Continuing Education classes.

Continuous upgrading has helped the campus to keep up in job-related skills and it has a \$1.52 million welding and machining facility. It houses a micro lab facility which is used on a seven-day per week basis to provide skill training for local business and industry personnel.

Office moves to Hennepin

Part of Student Services and some personnel have moved to Hennepin Hall to larger offices.

Located at H20, Hennepin Hall are admissions counselling, testing information to citizens and plant closure services. Graduate placement, co-op education and counselling services in college programs remains in the Tecumseh Extension.

Personnel moved to Hennepin Hall are Bette Ferguson, director of Student Services; Lou DiMattio, executive secretary; Morris Bosey, co-ordinator of counselling and health services; Dorothy Doyle, counsellor; Sandi Martain, test administrator; and Penny Arsenault, secretary-receptionist.



Free parking may soon be memory

Free parking could become a memory as a tight budget could force paid parking at Niagara College.

Only six of the 22 colleges in Ontario have free parking. Jack Spittle, plant and property manager, said, charging for parking would be a new

source of revenue and could help pay the \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year cost of snow removal, repairs and other

maintenance. A parking space would not be assured even if paid parking were in effect.

Of the 1,324 parking spaces many are not being used properly in parking lots a and b, he said. Issuing parking tickets began Sept. 29 to combat the many parking problems such as parking on the grass, over lines or blocking fire routes

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Apply a month early

Students turning 21 no longer covered by parents' OHIP

Students turning 21 must be aware they are no longer covered by their parents' health care, Marian Kerr, Niagara College nurse, said.

Youth under 21 are covered by their parents' family plan, unless married, but those approaching 21 are encouraged to apply for OHIP a month before their birthday.

Students are eligible for premium assistance and most qualify, but to ensure coverage

and to avoid red tape complications, must apply early. OHIP is three months in advance, and students may not qualify for a month after applying. However, there is temporary assistance to fill in the void, Mrs. Kerr said.

If students are unaware of their change of OHIP status, are over 21 and in need of medical care, they may have to pay and be reimbursed later. However, doctors and hospitals will try to assist students who are unable

to pay. For assistance and information, contact OHIP information office, 59 Church St., St. Catharines, 682-6658.

Students from provinces outside Ontario are also eligible. They are advised to carry on with their province's health plan while attending Niagara, but they must check with the procedure of their province.

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